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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT - G-8: CLIMATE CHANGE - AFRICA  
AFGHANISTAN GUANTANAMO  
PARIS - TUESDAY, JULY 05, 2005

(A) SUBJECTS COVERED IN TODAY'S REPORT:

1. G-8: CLIMATE CHANGE - AFRICA
2. AFGHANISTAN
3. GUANTANAMO

B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

THE G-8, WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW, IS A BIG FRONT-PAGE STORY, WITH RELATED STORIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND HELPING AFRICA, AS REPORTED ON MONDAY IN LA TRIBUNE: "THE SUCCESS OF THE G8. WILL DEPEND ON THE CLIMATE ISSUE AS MUCH AS THE ISSUE OVER AID FOR AFRICA. THE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE CLIMATE WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR TONY BLAIR, CAUGHT BETWEEN ISOLATING THE U.S. AND AVOIDING FAILURE FOR THIS SUMMIT." TODAY, RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO HEADLINES "WEALTHY NATIONS CONFRONT EACH OTHER BEFORE THE G8" BUT FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE IS MORE OPTIMISTIC: "THE G8 UNDER GOOD AUSPICES." CATHOLIC LA CROIX IN ITS EDITORIAL FAULTS POLITICIANS AS WELL AS THE CIVIL SOCIETY FOR THEIR "CONSERVATIVE" MEASURES TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE. THE CHIRAC-PUTIN-SCHROEDER MEETING OVER THE WEEKEND WAS DESCRIBED ON MONDAY BY LE PARISIEN IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS: "THEIR OBJECTIVE? TO SHOW THEIR SOLIDARITY WHEN FACED WITH THE BUSH-BLAIR TANDEM." (SEE PART C)

TODAY'S SECOND MAJOR STORY REVOLVES AROUND THE CHOICE FOR THE 2012 OLYMPIC SITE TO BE DECIDED TOMORROW BETWEEN SEVERAL CANDIDATES, INCLUDING NEW YORK, PARIS AND LONDON. THE FRANCO-BRITISH DISCORD SERVES AS A BACKDROP FOR REPORTS ON THE CHOICE BETWEEN LONDON AND PARIS. RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO HEADLINES: "2012 OLYMPICS: THE OTHER CHIRAC-BLAIR DUEL." ACCORDING TO LE PARISIEN, "A FRENCH VICTORY WOULD ALLOW PRESIDENT CHIRAC, WHO IS SAID TO BE FEELING DEPRESSED FOLLOWING THE FAILED EU REFERENDUM AND THE BLAIR 'OFFENSIVE' ON EUROPE, TO ARRIVE AT THE G8 FEELING PERKIER."

THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN IS REPORTED IN LE FIGARO AS "DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. ARMY" WHILE LIBERATION REPORTS ON THE REDISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES THIS FALL, WITH FRANCE "TAKING OVER IN KABUL." (SEE PART C)

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION CARRIES AN OP-ED BY SALMAN RUSHDIE ON GUANTANAMO. (SEE PART C)

SEVERAL OUTLETS IN THE WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPORT EXTENSIVELY ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CIA AND ITS FRENCH COUNTERPART, THE DGSE, AFTER A SUNDAY WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE REPORTED THAT WASHINGTON AND PARIS HAD CREATED "A SECRET INTELLIGENCE CELL IN PARIS FOR ANTI-TERRORIST COOPERATION." (LA CROIX)

(C) SUPPORTING TEXT/BLOCK QUOTES:

G-8: CLIMATE CHANGE - AFRICA

"WEALTHY NATIONS CONFRONT EACH OTHER BEFORE THE G8"  
ALAIN BARLUET IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/05): "THE SUMMIT WILL BE UNDERMINED BY THE TWO PRIORITIES SET OUT BY BLAIR: CLIMATE CHANGE AND AID TO AFRICA. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH PRESS, THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE WILL MAKE TWO REFERENCES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL. WHICH IS REJECTED BY A U.S. PRESIDENT . WHO SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ITV THAT 'IF THE G-8 ACTION PLAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE LOOKS LIKE THE KYOTO PROTOCOL, THEN THE (AMERICAN) ANSWER IS NO.' ON AGRICULTURE, PRESIDENT BUSH INCREASED THE PRESSURE ON CHIRAC WHEN HE STATED THAT THE U.S. WAS 'ABSOLUTELY' READY TO CANCEL AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES IF THE EU DID THE SAME."

"BUSH REJECTS ALL MENTION OF KYOTO"  
PHILIPPE GELIE IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/05): "UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND OIL LOBBIES, PRESIDENT BUSH HAS BEEN FAVORING A PURELY VOLUNTARY APPROACH TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE. IN SPITE OF THE LACK OF RESULTS TO THIS LINE OF ACTION, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT IS NOT CHANGING COURSE. ALTHOUGH WHITE HOUSE ADVISOR JAMES CONNAUGHTON SAID BEFORE THE G-8 THAT 'A STRONG CONSENSUS EXISTS FOR CONCRETE ACTION AND

COMMON STRATEGIES' BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND ITS ALLIES,  
PRESIDENT BUSH SEEMS TO BE MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER."

"CONSERVATIVE APPROACH"

DOMINIQUE QUINIO IN CATHOLIC LA CROIX (07/05): "WILL A WIND OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES BLOW ON THE G8? WILL THE TABOO WORDS  
`KYOTO PROTOCOL,' WHICH OUTRAGE PRESIDENT BUSH, BE UTTERED? OR  
WILL THE G8 SATISFY ITSELF WITH GOOD INTENTIONS WHEN THE KYOTO  
PROTOCOL OBJECTIVES HAVE ALREADY BECOME OBSOLETE? THE HARSH  
REPROACH ONE CAN DIRECT AT POLITICIANS AND INDIVIDUALS ALIKE  
IS INDEED THAT THE APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE IS TOO  
CONSERVATIVE. THE POLITICAL DECISIONS - OR NON-DECISIONS- MADE  
TODAY IMPACT ON FUTURE GENERATIONS. THIS IS WHERE OUR  
RESPONSIBILITY LIES."

#### AFGHANISTAN

"REVERSAL FOR U.S. ARMY ON AFGHAN FRONT"

MARIE-FRANCE CALLE IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/05): "IT  
IS BECOMING VERY DIFFICULT TO GET INFORMATION ON MILITARY  
OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN. THE AMERICANS DO NOT WANT TO  
ENDANGER THEIR SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS. OBSERVERS ESTIMATE  
THAT THE TALIBAN HAVE RETURNED EN FORCE SINCE THEIR WINTER  
PAUSE. THEY ARE SAID TO BE HELPED BY PAKISTANI `FOREIGNERS'  
AND `ARABS' BELONGING TO BIN LADEN'S NETWORK. THE ANNOUNCED  
ARREST YESTERDAY OF FOUR AFGHAN JOURNALISTS WORKING FOR THE  
WEST WILL NOT HELP TRANSPARENCY. ONE THING IS CERTAIN: WITH  
UNDER TWO MONTHS TO GO BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, THE  
TALIBAN SEEM BETTER ARMED, BETTER ORGANIZED THAN THEY WERE  
BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE IN FOR  
ELECTIONS WITH HIGH RISK STAKES."

"KABUL TO BECOME FRANCE'S RESPONSIBILITY"

JEAN-DOMINIQUE MERCHET IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION (07/05):  
"THE FRENCH MILITARY WILL BE TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY IN  
KABUL JUST WHEN THE COUNTRY'S OVERALL SECURITY IS WORSENING.  
THE U.S. WILL RETAIN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, `THE  
MOST DANGEROUS' ACCORDING TO A FRENCH SOURCE. WHILE THE  
PENTAGON WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE ITS TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN.  
MILITARY EXPERTS ON THE GROUND DO NOT SHARE THIS VIEW.  
ACCORDING TO ANOTHER FRENCH SOURCE `THEY DOUBT NATO'S ABILITY  
TO CONDUCT ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS.'"

#### GUANTANAMO

"GUANTANAMO, EVERY MAN TO HIS OWN TRUTH"

SLAMAN RUSHDIE IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION (07/05): "IN A  
WAR, TRUTH IS ALWAYS AMONG THE FIRST VICTIMS. IT IS ALWAYS  
DIFFICULT TO LET `FACTS' TELL THE TRUTH. BECAUSE WE ARE ALWAYS  
ON SLIPPERY GROUND. ON GUANTANAMO AND RELATED STORIES, THE  
CONSERVATIVES' TAKE IS THAT WHEN THERE IS A WAR, DETAINEES ARE  
OUR SWORN ENEMIES. THE LIBERALS' TAKE IS THAT THE BUSH  
ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO GITMO AND ABU GHARAIB REFLECTS  
POORLY ON CIVIL LIBERTIES AT HOME. THE THIRD POINT OF VIEW  
COMES FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S. AND GIVES A `NON-AMERICAN VERSION  
OF THE FACTS.' WITH A DOSE OF CYNICISM IT CONCLUDES THAT  
AMERICA HAS SHOWN TOO MUCH INDULGENCE FOR ITS OWN MILITARY. AN  
INTERNAL INVESTIGATION THAT LEADS TO SELF-EXCULPATION IS AT  
THE LEAST DUBIOUS. WHILE FANATICS AND THEIR ACTS MUST BE  
JUDGED SEVERELY, WE MUST ALSO REMEMBER THAT WHEN JUDGING  
OTHERS WE MUST ALSO LOOK AT OURSELVES IN THE MIRROR."  
STAPLETON